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**K SS LAUNCH  
KOMSOMOLSK SHIPYARD AMUR 199, USSR**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** THE FIFTH K-CLASS ATTACK SUBMARINE (SS) HAS BEEN LAUNCHED FROM RAIL 1 [REDACTED] RECENT CHANGES AT THE YARD SUGGEST THAT THE PRODUCTION RATE FOR THIS SUBMARINE WILL INCREASE IN THE FUTURE. (SWN)

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2. **REMARKS:** THIS IS THE FIRST LAUNCH OF A SUBMARINE FROM THIS RECENTLY EXTENDED AND REINFORCED RAIL AND THE SECOND K SS LAUNCH FROM THE YARD IN 1983. THE K SS IS BERTHED OUTBOARD OF A 975-CLASS RADIOLOGICAL REPAIR BARGE (YRRN) AT THE FITTING-OUT PIER AND A LOG BOOM IS POSITIONED AROUND THE SUBMARINE. A SIMILAR BERTHING ARRANGEMENT WAS USED WHEN THE FOURTH K SS WAS LAUNCHED [REDACTED]. NORMALLY, THE 975-CLASS YRRN IS ASSOCIATED WITH OUTFITTING NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES. THE TRANSPORTER/LAUNCH DOCK, WHICH HAD ARRIVED AT THE YARD BY [REDACTED] IS ALSO MOORED AT THE PIER WITH KEEL BLOCKS IN PLACE FOR THE DOWN-RIVER DELIVERY OF THE K SS. PREPARATIONS FOR THE LAUNCH OF K SS UNIT FIVE WERE OBSERVED AS EARLY AS [REDACTED] AT BUILDING WAY 1, WHEN PADS FOR SUPPORTING THE RAMP OF THE TRANSPORTER/LAUNCH DOCK WERE IN PLACE IN FRONT OF THE LAUNCH RAILS. (SWN)

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PREVIOUS K SS WERE LAUNCHED FROM LAUNCH RAIL 2 AT THE RATE OF ONE PER YEAR. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW RAIL AND THE NEW PERMANENT LAUNCH DOCK BOW LAUNCH SUPPORT DEVICE, TWO K SS LAUNCHES PER YEAR CAN BE ANTICIPATED. THE K SS IS A SMALL, DIESEL/ELECTRIC-POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINE THOUGHT TO BE A REPLACEMENT FOR THE OLDER W AND/OR F SS. (SWN)

IN OTHER ACTIVITY, THE MOBILE LAUNCH DOCK BOW LAUNCH ASSIST DEVICE REMAINS IN THE BASIN OPPOSITE LAUNCH RAIL 5 FOR THE ANTICIPATED LAUNCH OF A V-III NUCLEAR-POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINE (SSN). THE UNIDENTIFIED COMPONENT REMAINS ON RAIL 4. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 50-32-31N 137-02-56E

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